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Brand Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brand airfield between 12 May and 7 June 1953:

12 May. Between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., night flying was practiced by jet bombers with green, red and white position lights. The runway and taxiway were lighted during the air activity. The runway had one red lamp each at the two ends and in the middle of each side with white lamps along the edges; the taxiway had white lamps on high poles.

13 May. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., individual flights were made by jet bombers which remained aloft for 45 to 60 minutes. There was a 7/10 overcast and rainy weather.

15 May. Between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., repeated flights were made by a biplane towing a sleeve target which was fired at by three machine guns located on the field. There was a 4/10 overcast, good visibility and warm weather.

16 to 19 May. No air activity was observed although the weather was mostly favorable.

20 May. Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., three high-wing monoplanes were repeatedly observed over the field.

21 May. There was no air activity although the weather was favorable.

22 May. Night flying was practiced by jet bombers between 10 and 11 p.m.

23 and 26 May. No air activity was observed. There was favorable weather.

27 May. Between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m., jet bombers made individual 20-minute flights.

28 May. There was no air activity. There was a 6/10 overcast at an altitude of about 200 meters, dull and cool weather.

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29 May. In the morning, maintenance work was being done on five Il-28s. About 2 p.m., these Il-28s took off at intervals of 1,000 meters. The planes assembled in line abreast formation and landed after 45 minutes.

30 and 31 May. There was no air activity.

1 June. Maintenance work was being done on some Il-28s. About noon, these Il-28s made local flights. A total of 36 Il-28 and Uil-28 planes were parked in groups of 13, 8, 8, 4 and 3 on the southern taxiway.

4 June. Maintenance work was under way on the engines of Il-28s.

5 June. A high-wing monoplane with a smoking or burning engine made an emergency landing at the field.

6 June. Between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., there was air activity by the Il-28s on which maintenance work had been done on 4 June. The Il-28s stationed at the field were escorted by Il-28s from another airfield which were marked by red [REDACTED]. The planes remained aloft for about 1 hour. About midnight, the noise of four planes taking off was heard.

7 June. The four Il-28s from another field were no longer at the field.

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3. During the night of 22 May, aircraft from Brand airfield practiced flying northwest of Luebben. A rotary searchlight located in the direction of Brand was in operation. About 12:30 p.m. on 24 May, no air activity was observed at the field.

Comment. Brand airfield is still occupied by two bomber regiments equipped with 36 Il-28s. The Il-28s from another field which were observed are apparently stationed at Herneuchen airfield. [REDACTED]

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